Gr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Thank you to all families who have returned their expression of interest forms and begun to make instalments for the 5/6 Camp.

Please note that after the 20th May we will not accept any further expressions of interest as we need to confirm student numbers by that date. The camp is scheduled for the middle of Term 3 and we strongly recommend that parents take advantage and make regular payments at the office. This can help ease the burden of coming up with the full cost of the camp in one lump sum.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Forms must be completed by the end of Term 2, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF Application form.

NAPLAN 2016
IN 2008, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN consists of four tests in the domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The NAPLAN tests for 2016 will be held next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Frequently asked questions and the 2016 NAPLAN Parents Brochure will be sent home with grade 3 & 5 students this week.

Language Conventions (Tuesday 12th May)
The Language Conventions test comprises spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Writing (Tuesday 10th May)
The 2016 NAPLAN Writing test has students writing a persuasive text. The same task is used for students in Years 3 & 5, however the lines in the response booklet for Year 3 students are more widely spaced than for Year 5.

Reading (Wednesday 11th May)
Students will be provided with a booklet containing a range of passages that illustrate different writing styles. Students read the texts provided, then answer the questions in a separate booklet.

Numeracy (Thursday 12th May)
All areas of numeracy are assessed.
From the Principal continued...

It is important that students participate in the national tests and special provisions are made to meet the needs of individual students with special needs.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class, and, for those students in grade 5 this year, an opportunity to see how much learning growth they've achieved from grade 3 to 5.

It is very important to remember that these tests are a snapshot of your child’s learning and are not reflective of who your child is. It does not take into account personality, empathy and positivity. During the week I will speak to the students, especially older grade 5 students, about this.

Have a great week,

Susan Gilmore

Out & About at CPS

Book Fair
This week Churchill Primary was hosted a Scholastic book fair where students could come and buy a range of different books.

It was great to see so many students getting excited about reading and discussing different books they would like their classroom teachers to buy for their classrooms!

Thanks to all the families that came along and supported this fundraiser for the school.

Special people’s afternoon tea
The students in grades Prep-2 held a special persons afternoon tea on the 4th of May. Each grade spent some time in the days before it cooking yummy treats to share with their guests.

Cross country
On Monday the 2nd of May the 3 to 6 students participated in cross country at the track at Gaskin park. The top 6 in each age group make it through to the next round, the Yinnar and district cross country. That will be on the 9th of May. Many people did a good job and good luck to the students competing at the next round.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who ran a fantastic Mother’s Day stall this week with an abundance of lovely Mother’s Day gifts for students to purchase for their special person.
From a school captain

I will be talking about my role as school captain and the things I have to do like assembly and events.

First I will talk about assembly. Me and the other school captains get up in front of the school on Monday’s and give out awards and talk about events.

Now I am going to talk about the ANZAC day ceremony. People of Churchill went to the memorial near the skate park. We laid a wreath and gave a speech and sang the National anthem at 9.00am. There were about 4 schools in total.

Lastly, I’m going to talk about the leadership conference. All of our school leaders and I went to Traralgon to go to a leadership conference. We learnt about growing leadership and traffic light leadership. These things will help us lead our school better, more efficiently and confidently.

Hayley C.

From the Student Representative Council

On Thursday the 21st of April the 3-6 leadership team went to Traralgon for a GRIP leadership conference. We were learning about improving our leadership skills.

This term the SRC are running a disco to raise money for lunchtime activities for CPS students. The rest of the money will go towards other purchases for students equipment. The disco is currently in planning stages with more information and details coming soon!

There will be opportunities for students at CPS to participate in lunchtime activities run by the SRC. Activities will include play dough, netball, basketball and a reading corner in the

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Churchill Primary School will be holding a second hand uniform sale with good quality second hand uniform items and some new items (which are no longer stocked) for sale.

Prices range from 50 cents to half the original cost.

WHEN: Monday 9th May 2016
(9.15am—10.00am & 3.15pm—3.45pm)

WHERE: GP Room, Churchill Primary School
Latrobe Theatre Company’s production of **The Little Mermaid**

Come join Ariel, Sebastian, Flounder, and all the gang, for a fun-filled, emotional journey. Based on the much-loved Disney classic from the 80s, this stage version is just how you remembered the story...only better. And the extremely talented, local cast do a brilliant job of bringing it to life. Brand new, fabulous music joins all the familiar tunes, such as ‘Under the Sea’ and ‘Part of your World’.

6th to 22nd MAY, 2016
Latrobe Performing Arts Centre

Tickets available through LPAC Box Office
Ph: 5176 3333
or online through Latrobe City Website:

BUY TICKETS

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**What do you think are the needs of Churchill and District?**

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is conducting a survey to identify the needs and wants of residents of Churchill and District. We will use this information to design new programs and support future funding bids to fill gaps in services.

**How can you have your say?**

You can do the survey online by visiting www.churchill.org.au and following the link to the survey.

Contact 5122 2955 or drop into the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (next to the Library at ‘The Hub’ in Philip Parade) if you would like a paper copy of the survey, or would like to chat to Abigail, the friendly project worker.

We hope to have surveys completed by 27 May 2016.
A report on the findings will be on our website in June 2016.

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**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY MARKET**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

**CHURCHILL HOTEL CARPARK**

8.30am to 1.30pm

**LIVE MUSIC**

**GREAT FOOD**

Over 45 stalls selling Fresh Fruit and Veggies, Organic Foods, Jams and Preservatives as well as local Arts and Crafts, Plants and Trees, Oils and Incense, Clothes, Hats, Scarves and much, much more...

**JUMPING CASTLE**

There is so much to enjoy for the whole family!

Come along, bring the family pick up a bargain or two, enjoy live music, jumping castle for the kids, something for everyone...

**SUPPORT THE MARKET**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

All Proceeds go to support our Churchill Community Projects

For more information on Market or Stall bookings contact Sue Lowick on 5469 377 794
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